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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	UTILIZATION OF UNUSED DISK SPACE ON NETWORKED COMPUTERS

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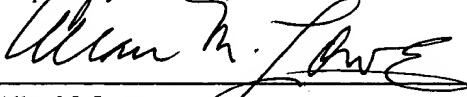
- ☒ 18 sheets of ☒ formal ☐ informal drawings.
- ☐ Certified copy of European patent application 00304891.5. Priority is claimed if not already of record.
- ☒ Notice of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449 and references.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment.

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Respectfully submitted,


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**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

Sir:

In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicants claim the priority date of June 9, 2000, the filing date of the corresponding European patent application 00304891.5.

The certified copy of European patent application 00304891.5 will be submitted as soon as it is received by Applicants' counsel. Kindly direct any inquiries in connection with this matter to the undersigned.

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